

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/065,848	Applicant(s) LASKARIS ET AL.
	Examiner Tiffany A. Fetzner	Art Unit 2859

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Status of Application: After final and pre-appeal req.

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Time: 5pm

☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Part I.

Claims discussed:

All pending independent claims 1, 17, 20, 33, 36; along with dependent claims 30, 31, 32, 37 and 38.

Prior art documents discussed:
See Continuation Sheet

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:
See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Identification of prior art discussed: Pissanetzky US patent 5,359,310 and the need to clarify the structural differences between the Pissanetzky reference and the applicant's independent magnet assembly configurations, within the independent claims. Claims 37 and 38 were canceled because their associated dependent limitations, are to be incorporated into claim 36 by examiner's amendment. Additionally, a series of examiner's amendments to the independent claims, to clarify the applicant's novel structure provided by applicant's disclosure and specification, was discussed and approved for entry by the applicant's representative in order to move the application forward towards allowance.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner contacted applicant's representative in order to resolve the remaining issues in applicant's independent claims, with respect to the Feb. 1st pre-appeal decision, and the telephonic interviews between the examiner and the applicant's representative, during the 1st half of Feb. (i.e. Feb. 1, 2, 5, 7, 12, 13, and 15th) 2007 in which numerous possible clarifications, to the structural components of applicant's independent claims were discussed, in order to clarify the structural differences of applicant's MRI magnet assembly from the existing assemblies of the prior art. The examiner was given permission to make an examiner's amendment to the appropriate independent and dependent claims of the instant application in order to further the application towards allowance on April 15th 2007. It was agreed that claims 37 and 38 would be canceled as their limitations were to be added to independent claim 36 by the examiner's amendment. The examiner was thanked for her time.